



Comptroller of the Currency
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Dear Alumni Association Member:

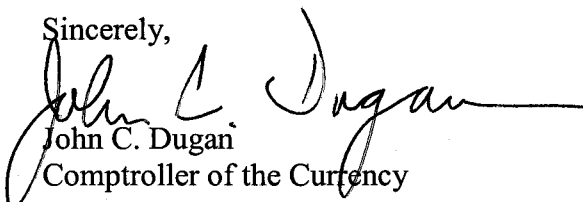
When I was sworn into office last year, I highlighted the professionalism and dedication of the OCC team as one of the key reasons I was proud to return to federal service. Those comments were based on my experiences during the years I worked for the Senate Banking Committee, the Department of Treasury, and in private practice. I had regular contact then with OCC staff, and I was always greatly impressed with their expertise and professionalism. I knew coming into this job that some of the men and women I dealt with in those days would have retired or moved on to other jobs, but I was very pleased to find that an association had been formed for OCC alumni. So let me take this opportunity to share with you my thoughts about your value and role as an OCC alumnus.

I strongly believe that your contribution to our mission does not end when you retire or pursue careers outside the OCC. You bring insight and experience to new endeavors. You act as decision-makers and opinion leaders. In many cases, you continue to serve as subject matter experts on issues directly related to OCC policies, programs, and activities. And some of you have contributed in a very direct way to the success of our mission as contractors who lend expertise and experience to meet critical agency needs.

So let me tell you some of the things we have done, working with the leadership of the OCC Alumni Association, to help you stay informed, engaged, and in touch with the OCC. First, the OCC has established a Web page dedicated to delivering news and information of particular interest to alumni. You'll find that page at: <http://www.occ.gov/alumni.htm>. Second, the OCC has helped the alumni association create an online home for its members to network with one another, stay informed of association news and events, share ideas and information, and post opportunities and articles. The new site is up and running at <http://www.occ alumni.com>. While still in its infancy, it provides a framework that can grow into a robust online community through your participation and support.

Finally, I encourage you to continue making the alumni association an organization that supports its members, celebrates OCC's heritage, and continues to contribute to the legacy of this great agency. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


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